



# California Department of Veterans Affairs

## Veterans News

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### NEWS FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE



March 16, 2007

#### **GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF TWENTYNINE PALMS MARINE**

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Nathaniel D. Windsor of Scappoose, OR:

"Maria and I offer our prayers for Lance Corporal Windsor's family, friends and loved ones. This brave Marine went beyond the call of duty and gave his life for our nation. Nathaniel's sacrifice is a model of ultimate selflessness for all Californians."

Windsor, 20, died March 13 as a result of injuries sustained while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA.

In honor of Lance Cpl. Windsor, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



March 12, 2007

#### **GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF WINCHESTER SOLDIER**

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Staff Sgt. Christopher R. Webb of Winchester, CA:

"Staff Sergeant Webb's bravery exemplified the patriotism that makes freedom possible for all Americans. Christopher's sacrifice for our country is a somber reminder of the tremendous cost of our liberties. Maria and I extend our sympathies to Christopher's family and friends during this difficult time."

Webb, 28, died March 7 as a result of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry

Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX.

In honor of Staff Sgt. Webb, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



March 7, 2007

**GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF TWENTYNINE PALMS MARINE:  
LANCE CPL. RAUL S. BRAVO**

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Raul S. Bravo of Elko, NV:

"The men and women of our armed forces risk their lives to protect the freedoms of all Americans. With selfless dedication, Lance Corporal Bravo gallantly sacrificed his life for our nation and for the cause of freedom. Maria and I offer our condolences to Raul's family and friends as they mourn the loss of a loved one."

Bravo, 21, died March 3 as a result of injuries sustained while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA.

In honor of Lance Cpl. Bravo, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



March 7, 2007

**GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF CAMP PENDLETON MARINE:  
STAFF SGT. DUSTIN M. GOULD**

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Staff Sgt. Dustin M. Gould of Longmont, CO:

"Californians are forever grateful for Staff Sergeant Gould's virtuous undertaking to protect our nation. Dustin's courageous sacrifice has furthered the fight for freedom. Maria and I offer our sympathies to Dustin's family and friends during this difficult time."

Gould, 28, died March 2 as a result of injuries sustained while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

In honor of Staff Sgt. Gould, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



March 7, 2007

## **GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF CAMP PENDLETON SAILOR: HOSPITALMAN LUCAS W. A. EMCH**

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Hospitalman Lucas W. A. Emch of Kent, OH:

"Hospitalman Emch's noble pledge to our nation was unwavering. Lucas valiantly dedicated his work to improve the lives of others. Maria and I extend our deepest condolences to Lucas' family and friends."

Emch, 21, died March 2 as a result of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated in his vicinity while conducting combat operations in Al-Anbar Province, Iraq. He was a hospital corpsman assigned to 1st Marine Logistics Group, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

In honor of Hospitalman Emch, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



**March 7, 2007**

## **GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF LOS ANGELES SOLDIER: SPC. CHRISTOPHER D. YOUNG**

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Christopher D. Young of Los Angeles, CA:

"California's heroic soldiers fight to defend our freedom and democracy. Specialist Young stopped at nothing to make these rights available to all. Maria and I are thinking of Christopher's family, friends and fellow soldiers as they cope with their tragic loss."

Young, 20, died March 2 as a result of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Safwan, Iraq. He was assigned to Company C, 3rd Battalion, 160th Infantry Regiment, California Army National Guard, San Pedro, CA.

In honor of Spc. Young, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



**March 5, 2007**

## **GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF OCEANSIDE SOLDIER: SGT. RICHARD A. SOUKENKA**

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Richard A. Soukenka of Oceanside, CA:

"Words cannot adequately convey our gratitude for Sergeant Soukenka's brave sacrifice for our country. Richard devoted himself to a most honorable cause, and his profound dedication is an inspiration to Californians. Maria and I are praying for Richard's family, friends and loved ones in their time of mourning."

Soukenka, 30, died Feb. 27 as a result of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

In honor of Sgt. Soukenka, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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